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WHITBY, ONT. March 27<sup>th</sup> 1916To President-Falconer  
University of Toronto-  
Toronto-

Dear Sir:- Having received a letter from my son  
St-Sergt. E. A. Broughton who is with #4 Canadian,  
General Hospital, W. of I. Salonica, Greece  
in which he asks me to assist in getting an order  
from Ottawa for his return to complete his course  
in Medicine, providing his degree is not granted  
without. I will give you his own words as written  
to me, which will be more to the point than any I  
could write. He says: I believe that I mentioned  
in a previous letter that there was a small chance  
of my returning to Canada this summer to complete  
my course in Medicine. All of our men have  
returned now except the four of us here.  
We had definite assurance of a summer  
course and were also told that we would not  
be granted our degrees without taking this course.  
So knowing that the other fellows had been sent  
home, we naturally expected to be sent also.  
However on last mail Col Primrose, who is  
Secretary of the Council of the Faculty of Medicine  
at the University, received a letter from Pres. Falconer  
of W. of I. in which he stated they were in doubt-



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as to what to do about us four fellows that was before he had received information from Col. Primrose about our course of Clinics and lectures here. Both Col. Primrose and Col Roberts reason that where this information is received by the faculty of Medicine they will grant us our degrees. So if that is the case there is no object in our return.

The next thing is to get our Ontario Council so that we can get our Commissions

— Last year one man received his Council and degree similarly and there is no reason why it should not be done again. However if the W. of J. do not grant us our degrees, Orders will have to come from higher of than our O. C. for he is adverse to letting us go because he says we are so "indispensable" to the Unit. The only way I see we are indispensable is that we do a lot of routine laboratory and clinical work that otherwise the Medical Officers would have to do. Of course it is a great thing for us to have the opportunity of doing it but St-Sergeant rank is not high enough for such special work.



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and we are entitled to Commissions in being  
able to do it. If you find out that we are not  
getting our degrees. I wish you would stop  
something at Ottawa, via - Mr. Smith, M. P. South Ontario  
as some one at Ottawa that the order be put  
through for us to return as our class notes  
have done to complete our course this summer.

By the way some of our class notes left England  
as late as Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1916 so that it is still  
possible to do above if our O.C. were willing  
to let us go. I am your loving son & Bro. I write  
in writing to you. i.e. definite information if possible  
whether the four will be granted their degrees without  
returning or not. so that I can bring the notes  
(of an order to return) to <sup>the objection of</sup> Hon. Sir Sam Hughes or Acting  
Minister of Militia at Ottawa

I trust you will pardon me for troubling you  
in this matter and if you will permit me to  
say so I think the boys should have the same  
chance as their class notes. Hoping in advance  
for reply I am yours sincerely W. A. Broughton  
Whitby



March 29th, 1916

Mrs. W. A. Broughton,  
Whitby, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Broughton:

I have made inquiries as to the questions you raise with regard to your son returning to Toronto to finish his medical course. The case of these students has been carefully considered by the Faculty of Medicine and after due investigation of what was involved it was decided last Friday that it would be necessary for the four students who are with the Base Hospital at Salonica to return and finish their course here. Accordingly, a message was sent at the end of last week to General Roberts at Salonica asking him to order these four students to be sent back to Toronto as that they may complete their course this summer and be ready for graduation at the beginning of next winter. We hope to see these students home at the beginning of May or shortly after.

Yours sincerely,

President.

GEORGE W. BROWN